

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and
PEOPLE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

v.

KAREEM MATTHIAS,

Defendant.

Criminal Action No. 2017-0036

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ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the Warrant for Arrest for Kevon Benjamin-Edwards, issued by this Court on January 24, 2018 as a result of Mr. Benjamin-Edwards' failure to appear in District Court for the jury trial in the matter of *United States v. Kareem Matthias*. (Dkt. No. 42). Mr. Benjamin-Edwards was served with a Trial Subpoena on December 20, 2017, and the jury trial commenced on January 23, 2018. *Id.*

In response to the warrant, Mr. Benjamin-Edwards appeared before the Court on January 24, 2018. Based on the colloquy that ensued, the Court admonished Mr. Benjamin-Edwards for his failure to appear, and secured a commitment from him that he would appear for trial at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018. The Court then ordered him released from custody. Mr. Benjamin-Edwards appeared for court on January 25, 2018, and thereafter as required.

UPON CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that this Order shall serve to memorialize the Court's release of Kevon Benjamin-Edwards from custody on January 24, 2018; and it is further

ORDERED that in view of Mr. Benjamin-Edwards' appearance for Court on January 25, 2018 and thereafter, the matter stemming from Mr. Benjamin-Edwards' failure to appear is **CLOSED**.

SO ORDERED.

Date: January 30, 2018

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WILMA A. LEWIS
Chief Judge